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POETRY.

ODE FOR AN AGRICULTURAL CELEBRATION.

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

Far back in the ages
The plow with wreaths was crowned,
The hands of kings and sages
Entwined the chaplet round;
Till men of spoil
Died in the soil
By which the world was nourish'd,
And blood and pillage were the soil
In which their laurels flourish'd,
—Now the world her fault repairs,
The guilt that stains her story,
And weeps her crimes amid the cares
That form'd her earliest glory.
The proud throne shall crumble,
The diadem shall wane,
The tribes of earth shall humble
The pride of those who reign;
And war shall lay
His pomp away;
The fame that heroes cherish,
The glory earn'd in deadly fray,
Shall fade and perish.
—Honor waits, o'er all the earth,
Through endless generations,
The art that calls the harvest forth,
And feeds the expectant nations.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Boring for News.

At the present time, when the public evince the most feverish anxiety to obtain every item of news from our army, the squadron, and the enemy's country, the utmost industry and watchfulness is necessary on the part of the newspaper press to keep their readers posted up with the very latest items that can possibly be obtained from the most reliable sources. At the announcement of an arrival from Vera Cruz, Havana, or the Brazos, every office in town is in commotion, and each member of the respective establishments is on the qui vive for the news.

A few evenings since it was reported that the British steamer Arab, which conveyed Santa Anna and suite to Vera Cruz, had arrived from that place and was aground at the Blaize, but that one of her owners had come up to the city and taken lodgings at the St. Charles Hotel. Unfortunately she had left in haste and unexpectedly, and no office in town received advice by her, consequently it became necessary to obtain some information from her for the benefit of the public. Of necessity, as "the owner" was the only person who could be applied to, it was resolved to trust to his courtesy and kindness, and each office despatched some person to seek him out as soon as they became aware of his whereabouts.

The gentleman had arrived at the hotel, registered his name as "C. O'Neil, London," been to his room and repaired to the tea table, for a purpose it is unnecessary to explain. A time reporter for one of the papers sauntered into the office of the hotel, endeavoring to look uninterested, and inquired of the book-keeper if there was a gentleman from Mexico in the house. The book-keeper was unable to inform him; a gentleman from London was the last arrival, but he couldn't say whether he came by the way of the Republic, or the City of New York—the gentleman was at table. He must be the person, thought the reporter, I'll pin him before any one else gets hold of him, and away he started for the tea table, and, after having had the gentleman pointed out, seated himself where he could have a good view of him, and watched him closely. In a few minutes another person came in and seated himself in another part of the room, ready to board the gentleman as soon as he had concluded his meal. The gentleman looked up and discovered a man eyeing him very intently on the left—he turned his head and discovered another watching him. This strange conduct perplexed him exceedingly, and he finished his meal in great uneasiness. As he rose from his chair he was accosted at his right elbow with—

"Mr. O'Neil, I believe?"
"Yes, sir!"
"How do you do, sir—how d'ye do?"
"Quite well, I thank you," replied the gentleman.

At this moment he was tapped on the left shoulder, and turning suddenly encountered an individual, hat in hand, bowing profoundly, who immediately said—

"Mr. O'Neil, I believe?"
"The same, sir!" said the gentleman, bewildered at this sudden and unexpected attack from two different quarters, and totally at a loss how to account for it.

"From Mexico, I believe, sir?" said No. 1.
"Yes, sir!"
"I believe you are just from Vera Cruz," said No. 2, interrupting.

"Yes, sir!"
"Come on the Arab, I believe?" observed No. 1.

"One of the owners, I believe!" chimed in No. 2.

"The questions then came thick and fast, and Mr. O'Neil sat down and imparted all the information

in his power, and at length was left to himself, after receiving a profusion of thanks for his kindness, and having his hand shaken several times by each of his catechisers.

Another inquiry was made at the office to ascertain if Mr. O'Neil was in, and the response was that he had just gone into the drawing room. Off posted No. 3, and on entering the apartment observed a good looking man with a foreign air lounging on an ottoman.

"Mr. O'Neil?" said the gentleman, touching his hat.
"Faith you've just hit it, sir," said the other, bowing in return.

"I am glad to see you, sir," said the new comer, extending his hand, and shaking that of his new acquaintance.

"Your devilish polite, sir: the same to you and all your family," said Mr. O'Neil.
"When did you leave Vera Cruz, sir?" said the man of letters.

"When did I leave which, sir?" inquired Mr. O'Neil.
"Vera Cruz."

"What's that?"
"A Mexican sea port."

"Oh, yes, to be sure it is. When did I leave it? I never left it at all."

"How; didn't you come here in the Arab?"
"Devil a bit—I've been here all the time—I'm a waiter here."

"A waiter—the devil!" and off started the interlocutor, several inches shorter in his brogans than when he entered, and informed the book-keeper that he couldn't find the gentleman.

"There he is, sitting at that table," said the book-keeper, pointing towards the door.

"Ah! thank you." He started for the table, and observing a corpulent, sun-burned individual, bowed and asked him how he did, and doubtless experienced considerable gratification at learning that he was as "hearty as a buck."

"You have just arrived, I understand."
"Yes, I got here about two hours ago," said the individual with the bronzed snub.

"I have taken the liberty of calling upon you, sir, to see if you couldn't give me some items of news for our morning paper," said the news-man.

"Well, sir, I don't know that I can give you any, really—there wasn't much news stirring when I left."

"Ah, indeed! Where was Santa Anna?"
"I haven't the remotest conception, sir, I assure you."

"Is it possible?" exclaimed the reporter, making a note, the whereabouts of Santa Anna unknown.

"Was there no news from the capital?"
"Not much, sir," it was reported that Mr. Bancroft was to succeed Mr. McLane."

"I beg your pardon, sir, I mean the capital of Mexico."

"Capital of the devil! What do I know about Mexico!" said the stout gentleman in a great rage.

"Didn't you just arrive, in the steamer Arab, from Vera Cruz, sir?" inquired the astonished reporter.

"No, sir, if I did, I'll be d—d," said the stout gentleman. "I just came from Cincinnati on the Ringgold, and don't know anything about Santa Anna or Mexico either, and curse me if I care anything about either the one or the other."

And so saying the stout gentleman bounced up from the chair and bolted out on the pinza to get calm.

At last the right person was found and again imparted all the news. A fresh hand was continually arriving, and as soon as one had gone, another would pounce down upon the unfortunate gentleman who was so unlucky as to be the only arrival from Vera Cruz. He must have been greatly astonished at finding himself so extensively known in a city in which he had never been before, for every one who approached him called him by name, and manifested the greatest delight at seeing him. So many "Monsieur O'Neils" that Mr. O'Neil was ultimately compelled to take refuge in the open air to escape the importunities of the gentlemen of the press, and he doubtless regretted that he had not entered his name as John Smith, of New York.

N. O. Picayune.

The Barrel Movement.

A Sketch of Camp Life on the Rio Grande.

BY SOLITAINE.

When the St. Louis Legion was encamped on the island, at the mouth of the Brazos Santiago, the boys began, for the first time, to feel the inconvenience of "Uncle Sam's" fodder arrangements—not that they expected to find "chicken fixings" every morning; but they at least expected to find confident the beans would be nourishing. About 11 o'clock A. M. every day, the little round vegetables were put into the camp kettles, and in an hour, or probably an hour and a half, were served out. To those skilled in the matter of dried beans, we need not explain how little effect one hour's boiling would have upon them. The different messes cracked away however, chewed the hard pebbles up, and left off their meals in a very unsatisfied manner.

A few days had scarcely elapsed, when a general grumble was set in circulation against the commissary department. Uncle Sam, and his beans, in particular. One tall volunteer swore in the mess that he would cross to the mainland and provision himself, if he had to eat a live Rancero, before he would starve on such fare; his comrades chimed in with his rebellious resolve, and all of them asked leave of the captain to take a short excursion for a few hours, in search of game. Leave was granted and off they started. In the course of a few hours, one came strolling into the camp with a bundle under his

arm, and as he passed the sentry on the way to the tent, he was accosted with:

"Joe, what luck had you?"
"Oh," says Joe, "I only killed a gutter snipe. Well," says the sentry, "that's the largest snipe, judging from the bundle, I have ever seen. Let me look at his bill."

Joe uncovered it, and there was the snout of a fine young pig as ever poked his nose into a swill tub. Both winked at each other, exchanged quiet grins, and then the "snipe" was carefully covered and carried to quarters.

In a few moments along came another of the mess, who reported that he had only secured a haunch of "slow deer," i. e. a young calf, and to wind up, three more of the party appeared, carrying a quarter of a short horned elk, which some envious members of other messes declared looked as if it might have been the "slow deer's" mamma! The spoils being all in, the mess went into a council of war upon how to get something to wash down the game and make the whole affair a comfortable one.

"Do you think you can execute a barrel movement boys?" said an orderly belonging to the mess.

"What is it like?" was the general inquiry.
"Simply this, the Commissary General is landing stores down at the beach, among which is some first-rate brandy for the officers, and if we could only make one of his half-barrels keep step in a hollow square, we might easily execute the new march of a 'barrel movement.'"

All the mess expressed themselves ready for duty, instantly, and, having added a few more rank and file to the enterprise, off they started on a commendably earnest march, to practice the new drill. The hollow square was admirably formed, and re-formed half a dozen times before they reached the beach, and advancing in a line towards the Commissary stores, with a rapid evolution they formed around a liquor cask, and commenced their march back across the island.

The drill was now full of interest—it was new—and one of the Lieutenants, attracted by the strange maneuvering, approached them just as they were performing a hollow-square "counter-march." He observed one of the men carrying two muskets, and thought it queer, but a glance at the centre of the squad explained the secret. A strong volunteer was keeping the barrel rolling on the inside—they were representing a square retreating with stores; and it was really beautiful, the skill with which they did it! Now the barrel-roller would get tired, and the squad would counter-march while another took his place; again a discovery would threaten, and they would close up to receive charge of cavalry, and thus, moving with caution and steadiness, they reached a small sand hill in the rear of the camp.

Now commenced some brilliant slow movements, all in one spot, which was followed by the whole squad forming line again, and moving into camp. At the spot where the square broke, a fresh hillock of sand might have been discovered, by those only, however, who knew the former levelness of the spot.

The Lieutenant, who had critically watched the maneuvering of the men, congratulated the Orderly on the perfection of their drill.

The latter looked him in the eye, and knew by the slight curl in the muscles of his face, that he "smoked" the new tactics; so touching his cap politely, he asked the officer, if, when they cooked their game he would accept a slice!

"If the cook in your mess seasons it carefully, and it's not overdone, I wouldn't mind tasting it," said the Lieutenant.

"The Orderly winked, and they separated. It was refreshing to an old campaigner, just to see how 'gutter snipe,' short-horned elk, and 'slow deer,' were disposed of that evening in the mess which executed the above described strange drill; and ever after that night it became a by-word, when a volunteer was seen moving in a zigzag fashion that he was practising the Legion's new march, called 'THE BARREL MOVEMENT.'"

St. Louis Reville.

Minor Morals of the Mexicans.

A Correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune, writing from Camargo, says:—

"I have been walking about town this evening, looking at the Mexicans as they were 'doing up' their clothes for the night. A little back from the piazza, the streets were filled with herds of goats and sheep. They herd these two useful animals together, and they seem so much attached to each other, that 'separating the sheep from the goat,' would be as hard work in Mexico, as drawing a correct line between the Indian and Castilian races. These Mexicans are a primitive people in their habits. They plough their fields with crooked sticks drawn by oxen, with sticks for yokes, lashed to their horns. They grind their corn and mix their dough both in one operation, the only instance in which they go ahead of the Americans, and bake and eat it, all at one sitting. The idea of sitting down before a dish of whole corn, and carrying away a portion of it in my stomach, or rising, was novel to me, but I have frequently done it here. At sundown the women turn out with their earthen jars, to bring drinking water from the river, and the streets are filled with them. I am told by some of my bachelor friends, on whose taste I can rely, that there is always a 'right smart sprinkling' of prettily feet and ankles displayed on such occasions; but not being a judge of such matters my attention is always directed to the jars, which are primitive enough, and reminded me of the women in sacred history—of Rebecca, &c. From sunrise until 10 o'clock in the morning, the water's edge is lined with females washing clothes. About 8 o'clock A. M., the water confines a

great many of them, of all ages, bathing. This morning I rose very early in order to go down and bathe before the seniors and senoritas were out. After selecting an obscure place, I plunged in, and was enjoying the refreshing element, when I heard female voices descending the steep bank to the very hook I had chosen! There was no escape, for there was no other landing place in a hundred yards; my clothes were on the shore, and might be carried off; there was a strong eddy to pass—I was caught! An empty barrel was fastened by a string to the shore, and I retreated behind this floating bulwark merely peeping over to see who was coming. A young lady, about eighteen, with two small girls, descended the water's edge, within six feet of me, and looked at my clothes. 'Vestidos Americanos!' said one of the little girls, pointing to my barrel, hoping to frighten them away, but to my surprise, the fair senorita, instead of being startled, very politely bade me 'buenos dias,' and all hands began to show unmistakable signs of joining me in my aquatic exercise. This rendered me desperate, and forgetting every thing like gallantry, I sang out: 'Vamos! Vamos!' but they only laughed at my poor Spanish, and went on with their preparation. The only way in which I could get rid of them was by spattering them with water and mud, and crying 'Vamos.' Instances of this kind occur here every day."

"In at the Death."

A ROCKY MOUNTAIN SKETCH.

On a bright June morning, while seated in camp on a lofty ridge near the Colorado river, in which with two companions I was engaged in trapping beaver, I descried, far down on the plains, an object moving which I knew to be a buffalo, although in appearance, from the distance which lay between it and the spot upon which I stood, it looked no larger than a common sized dog. I had but a few moments before returned from a five mile tramp, after an unsuccessful examination of our traps, and though tired, I resolved if possible to have a taste of buffalo, for this was the first we had seen during a month's sojourn among the hills—the herds seldom travelling so high up. Acting upon this resolution I straightway put on my wet moccasins, which I had a few moments previous hung upon rods near our fire.

The Indians so infested our neighborhood that we never moved from camp but with extreme caution; so, after concluding my necessary preparations for a start, I took a general survey from a neighboring peak, without, however, discovering signs of an enemy. I counselled my companions, before I parted with them, to keep watch of my progress, and in the event of their discovering Indians, to inform me of the fact by waving their handkerchiefs, and pointing in the direction in which they were seen. Having concluded all preliminary arrangements, I descended into the valley, rifle in hand and shot in belt, with my ear open to hostile sounds, and my arm nerved for vigorous defense. After a tedious travel over broken ways, and through deep and dark ravines, I reached the valley, and struck out from the timber, in order to gain a view of Nell's Peak, near where our camp was situated. Another reason for avoiding the covert was the fact of its always being the red men's lurking place.

In about two hours' travel I came near the solitary buffalo, quietly feeding upon a slope near the edge of a deep ravine, through which the Drip, a small tributary of the Colorado, winds. I now edged into the timber, and having gained a closer position discovered my prey to be a large bull, which, I judged from his timid manner of feeding, had been separated from the herd by an attack of Indians, and having gained the entrance to the valley, had pursued his way to this quiet spot. Carefully approaching him, I gained a favorable stand on his left, and poising my rifle fired. With a snort of pain, he backed several paces, and fell upon his haunches. Loading again I advanced to dispatch him, when, with a roar of pain, and with a sudden bound, he approached to within a few paces of where I stood. Having but an instant to spare, when, to my horror, the piece missed fire, even while the infuriated animal was so near that his breath, mingled with his blood, was blown upon my person.

"Time for thought there was none. I could not regain the timber, so dropping my rifle, I made for the ravine. The rifle was a moment's diversion in my favor, for the beast paused to smell the death-dealing weapon, but the next instant with blood-shot eyes he madly rushed towards me. I looked into the ravine and a glance revealed to me a perpendicular precipice of a hundred feet, with the stream fretting and boiling, dark as ink, at the bottom! To leap across it was impossible—to plunge down was not to be thought of but as an act of despair—alternative there appeared none. To thus have to come to a hurried decision, with peril on every side, the chances were that ten to one that the worst horn of the dilemma would be chosen. The sequel will show.

A small projection of about three feet long by one wide, upon which grew a few shrubby bushes presented itself at about ten feet distance from the edge of the ravine, and without a second thought, I held a moment by the edge of the precipice, and dropped upon this small shelf, which shook and quivered by the concussion of my leap, until I fancied I could feel it sliding from its place! The thought was horrible, and I shut my eyes in a partial swoon, expecting the next moment to be dashed into the bubbling current below; but after waiting a reasonable time, and no concussion occurring, I opened them, and now my heart grew sick again at the peril of my

position, from which there appeared no prospect of escape.

I had spent but a moment in this contemplation—and just then my thoughts were speeding rapidly through my brain—when the infuriated bull, his eyes like balls of fire, and the red current of life spouting from his nostrils and mouth, appeared above me, on the very brink, his fore hoofs pushing the earth at the edge upon my head, while from his mouth he deluged me with a flood of sanguine hue. My position was horrible—most horrible. He pawed the earth and shook his mane as if in exultation that his destroyer was about to be destroyed, and their deep heaving of his mighty chest would again deluge me with its torrents of lava, which fell hot as a shower from Etna; and dying me like some victim for a heathen sacrifice.

Suddenly the struggles of the wounded buffalo appeared to cease—the blood poured from his nostrils an uninterrupted stream—his eye grew dim and his glassy stare was fixed upon mine, while his body for a moment swayed to and fro as if he was about to sink down upon the earth—but dreadful was the thought, and terrible became the certainty that his huge form was gradually sinking over the edge of the precipice, directly over the scant footing upon which I stood. There was no escape! Every moment made his fall in the ravine more certain; at contemplation of being hurled by this dying mass into the ergy bed of the stream beneath, my blood congealed with terror! Slowly his dark form sunk, and the earth, crushed away beneath his bending limbs, pattered down upon me, until, with apprehension I had grown mad, when, with a rushing sound like an avalanche, the wounded beast tottered over the verge.

For a moment, as he struck the projection on which I stood, his bulk paused, and the next, frantically grasping his shaggy mane, I was hurled with him to the bottom of the ravine, my slender resting place on the side of the precipice falling around me in a shower. I was stunned for a moment with the shock, but the cold stream bubbling about me soon brought back my consciousness, when I found my antagonist had happily fallen undermost. His form had broken the force of my plunge into the ravine. After washing the stains of my victory from my person, I cut a few steaks as a proof of my being "IN AT THE DEATH," and left his carcass to the wolves, well satisfied with my share of THAT GAME!

An old story is sometimes better than a new one, and though some of our readers may have seen the following, a second reading will excite the risibilities as much as the first.

NOVEL REMEDY.—The following rather laughable medical story was related to us for a fact, and therefore we set it aloft as such.

A year or two since, a lady up in Somerset county, who was rather given to indolence, and consequently 'dumphy,' as the phrase is, imagined herself to be sick. Her husband knew better, and also that she only wanted exercise to give her life and restore her to health. At last she was so sick, in her own estimation, as to require the services of a physician. He came, examined her, prepared some medicine, (a milk and water preparation,) and left. She grew 'no better' very fast. Another physician, an out-and-out wag, was called in. He had some conversation with the husband before he saw the patient. He, therefore, pronounced her sick, and said he could effect an immediate cure. It was in the summer time, and the window of the sick room was up. The doctor proceeded to the room—closed the door—took off his hat, coat, and boots—and deliberately walked up to the back side of the bed, JUMPED IN! Oh, horror of horrors! Quick as lightning the sick woman's strength returned, and she sprang from the bed and out of the window, and pulled for the nearest neighbor's with railroad speed, looking in her fright and night clothes, more like a ghost than a well woman! The remedy proved efficacious, and that, too, without a second dose.

Maine Farmer.

GENERAL TOM TURNER, who is now holding his levees at Marlboro' Chapel, is as celebrated for his wit as he is for his musical abilities. Last evening as he was entertaining a large number of his friends he was asked by a lady present if he ever intended to take to himself a wife.

"Well," replied the General, "I can hardly answer that question for I have waited a long time in hopes to find some lady not much larger than myself, not having been able to do so, I feel somewhat discouraged; but, however, rather than live an old bachelor (he hates bachelors) I suppose I would put up with some of my fair friends, provided they would have me, for then I should have the satisfaction of knowing that unlike some married men my wife could not wear MY breeches. [Boston Bee.

"What stone is it, Simon, that is always laughing?"

"Pooh! nonsense!"

"Just so. Tell me."

"I can't. Give it up."

"A Gurd-stone—as you call it."

"La! so it is."

SHOCKING.—What word in our language is very irrelevant to old people? DAM-AGE.

The name of the perpetrator of the above conundrum is said to be in possession of the police.

MONEY.—An article once in general use and circulation. It has been very scarce for some time past, and is now almost altogether out of the market.

VERY IMPORTANT NEWS FROM MEXICO.

Release of the Truxton Prisoners—Santa Anna at the head of the army, marching against Gen. Taylor.

The U. S. sloop of war John Adams, Commander McClure, from Vera Cruz the 25th ult., touched off the S. W. Pass on the 7th inst., the N. O. Times says, on her way to Pensacola. Lieut. Kennedy, late of the U. S. schooner Forward, came passenger in her. From this gentleman we learn that the whole of the officers and crew of the Truxton, who surrendered to the Mexicans after the loss of that vessel off Turpan, have been released, the officers on parole, the men under a pledge for a due exchange. The U. S. frigate Raritan, Capt. Gregory from Pensacola, and the steamship Vixen, from N. York, arrived off Vera Cruz on the 22d ult., the latter having on board Com. M. C. Perry. It was believed that Com. Perry would hoist his flag on board of the steamship Mississippi, on her arrival off Vera Cruz, where she was daily expected from Pensacola. The schr. Flint, Lieut. Sinclair, had sailed for Norfolk, Va., for repairs. The brig Porpoise was on a cruise to the southward; the Somers and St. Mary's were blockading Vera Cruz. The remainder of the squadron were at Sacrificos, where were lying several foreign men-of-war.

The Mexicans, notwithstanding all their attachment to Santa Anna, would not elect him their President, unless he pledged himself to a vigorous prosecution of the war with America. On the 14th ult. he reached Azotla, a small town distant ten or twelve leagues from the city of Mexico. He received a communication from Almonte, the *ad interim* Secretary of War, proposing to him the Supreme Executive power, or Dictatorship. This offer was made on the part of the Provisional Government organized by General Salas after the fall of Paredes.

Santa Anna replied immediately to the mission of his partisan, Almonte, who is said to be body and soul devoted to the interests of his patron.

SANTA ANNA'S LETTER.

Gen. Santa Anna, Commander-in-Chief of the Liberating army, to Gen. Almonte, Minister of War of the Republic of Mexico:

AVILA, 1 o'clock, A. M. Sept. 14, 1846.

Sir—I have received your favor of this date, acknowledging a decree issued by the Supreme Government of the nation, embracing the proceedings adopted to regulate a due celebration of the re-establishment of the Constitution of 1824, the assumption by myself of the Supreme Executive power, and the anniversary of the glorious cry of Dolores.

I have been called by the voice of my fellow citizens to exercise the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Republic. I was far from my native land when intelligence of this renewed confidence, and of these new obligations imposed upon me by my country was brought to me, and I saw that the imminent dangers which surround her on all sides, formed the chief motive for calling me to the head of the army. I now see a terrible contest with a perfidious and daring enemy impending over her, in which the Mexican Republic must reconquer the insignia of her glory, and a fortunate issue, if victorious, or disappear from the face of the earth, if so unfortunate as to be defeated. I see also a treacherous faction raising its head from her bosom, which, in calling up a form of government detested by the united nation, provokes a preferable submission to foreign dominion; and I behold, at last, that after much vacillation, that nation is resolved to establish her right to act for herself, and to arrange such a form of government as best suits her wishes.

All this I have observed, and turned a listening ear to the cry of my desolated country, satisfied that she really needed my weak service at so important a period. Hence I have come without hesitation or delay, to place myself in subjection to her will, and, desirous to be perfectly understood, upon reaching my native soil, I gave a full and perfect expression of my sentiments and principles. The reception which they met convinced me I had not deceived myself, and I am now the more confirmed in them, not from having given them more consideration, but because they have found a general echo in the hearts of my fellow citizens.

I come, then, to carry my views into operation, and in compliance with the mandate of my country. She calls me as Commander-in-Chief of the Army, and in that capacity I stand ready to serve. The enemy occupies our harbors—he is despoiling us of the richest of our territories, and threatens us with his domination! I go, then, to the head of the Mexican army—an army of the offspring (effo) of a free people—and joined with it, I will fulfil my utmost duty in opposing the enemies of my country. I will die fighting, or lead the valiant Mexicans to the enjoyment of triumph to which they are alike entitled by justice, by their virile character, and by the dignity and enthusiasm which they have preserved of a free nation.

The war is a necessity of immediate importance; every day's delay is an age of infamy; I cannot recede from the position which the nation has assigned me; I must go forward unless I would draw upon myself the censure due to ingratitude for the favor with which I have been overwhelmed by my fellow citizens; or, unless I would behold her humbled and suffering under a perpetuation of her misfortunes.

Your excellency will at once perceive how great an error I shall commit in assuming the supreme Magistracy, when my duty calls me to the field, to fight against the enemies of the Republic. I should disgrace myself, if, when called to the point of danger, I should spring to that of power! Neither my loyalty nor my honor requires the abandonment of interests so dear to me. The single motive of my heart is to offer my compatriots the sacrifice of that blood which still runs in my veins. I wish them to know that I consecrate myself entirely to their service, as a soldier ought to do, and am only desirous to point out the course by which Mexico may attain the rank to which her destinies call her.

In marching against the enemy, and declining to accept of power, I give a proof of the sincerity of my sentiments; leaving the nation her own mistress, at liberty to dispose of herself as

she sees fit. The elections for members of a Congress to form the constitution which the people wish to adopt, are proceeding. That Congress will soon convene, and while I shall be engaged in the conflict in armed defence of her independence, that nation will place such safeguards around her liberties as may best suit herself.

If I should permit myself for a single moment to take the reins of Government, the sincerity of my promises would be rendered questionable, and no confidence could be placed in them.

I am resolved that they shall not be falsified, for in their redemption I behold the general good, as well as my honor as a Mexican soldier. I cannot abandon this position. The existing Government has pursued a course with which the nation has shown itself content, and I have no desire to subvert it by taking its place. I feel abundant pleasure in remaining where I am, and flatter myself that the nation will applaud my choice. I shall joyfully accept such tasks as she shall continue to impose upon me; and while she is engaged in promoting the objects of civilization, I will brave every danger in supporting its benefits, even at the cost of my existence.

Will your excellency have the goodness to tender to the Supreme Government my sincere thanks for their kindness. I will personally repeat them to-morrow—for which purpose I propose to call at the Palace. I shall there embrace my friends, and hastily pressing them to heart, bid them a tender farewell, and set out for the scene of war, to lend my aid to serve my country, or to perish amongst its ruins.

I beg to repeat to your Excellency assurances of my continued and special esteem.

SANTONIO LOPEZ DE SANTA ANNA.

On the 13th ult., then, Santa Anna arrived at the capital, amid rejoicing more enthusiastic than had ever been witnessed before. The people seem to behold in him their saviour, and were almost frantic with joy. The testimonies of attachment to his person were unbounded.

The next day the most vigorous measures, so far as declarations go, were taken by the Provisional Government. A large of 30,000 men to recruit the army was ordered. Requisitions were forthwith transmitted to all the principal places in the Republic, for an immediate furnishing of their respective quotas of men. Puebla, and the whole of the towns within a circuit of fifty or sixty leagues of the metropolis, are stated to have complied with the requisition for men with the greatest alacrity. A regiment was immediately raised in Puebla on the arrival there of the news of the decree of 30,000 men. To facilitate the arming and equipping of this large body of troops, the Government have ordered that duties on all munitions of war shall cease to be levied, until further notice.

In view of this extensive armament of the Mexican forces, and putting implicit faith in the truth of the preceding news, [of their authenticity we can have no reasonable doubt, from the sources through which they reach us] it would be madness to temporize any longer with this infuriated people. The war must now be prosecuted; such, indeed, seems by the late intelligence from Washington to be the course traced out by our administration. If any hopes have ever been entertained of a pacific policy on the part of Santa Anna, they must now be abandoned. His late conduct shows that he has thrown off the mask, if he ever wore the semblance of a friend of peace. He has counselled his countrymen to a war *a outrance*—to draw the sword and fling away the scabbard—to combat for existence—which means to exterminate or expel us from the soil. A little war now would be little indeed; we should put forth our strength as becomes the greatness of the Republic, and reserve our magnanimity for the hour of victory, for in no way can the Mexican be treated with but as prostrate and a suppliant.

AMPUDIA AND THE SURRENDER OF MONTEREY.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer speaking of the articles of capitulation, says— "They were finally signed by the commissioners on both sides, and by General Taylor, and sent back by Col. Davis for the signature of Ampudia. He says that Ampudia consumed a whole hour—which seemed to us no age—for we had a long ride before us—that he held the pen fifteen minutes at a time in his hand, the perspiration rolling off his face in big drops. At length, by a convulsive effort, he signed. The citadel is to be surrendered this morning. The troops are allowed seven days to march out with private baggage and arms.

It may be thought that they were allowed too liberal terms. But they were not conquered. It would have cost a regular siege and floods of blood to have reduced the citadel. They are superior to us in numbers, and we allow them to take only what they could carry off without capitulation, and we secure artillery, ammunition, and stores of all kinds, that they otherwise would have destroyed. Our most gallant spirits advised the concession of these terms; well they might, for the place is still capable of stout defence.

In our hands it could not have been taken. We left town at eleven o'clock at night by the short cut, passing through the Mexican lines under an escort of Mexican cavalry, and on reaching our own camp at a brisk trot, created a prodigious alarm, and found the army under arms ready to receive us with a volley."

The Capitulation. A letter from Camargo, of 23d ult., to the editors of the National Intelligencer, gives the same report which was mentioned in a New Orleans Journal, respecting the scarcity of ammunition in the American camp.

The writer says—

The report from Monterey, as it reached here officially, is this, that after four days' fighting, Gen. Taylor had succeeded in taking seven of the eight forts by which Monterey is defended, and finding himself out of ammunition, and Gen. Ampudia, who was in the eighth fort, asking for terms, they at last agreed on an armistice for sixty days.

Extract of a letter, dated September 25, 1846, received at the department of state from Chas

Gracbe, consul of the United States for the grand duchy of Hesse Darmstadt, &c.:

"I have to-day to report that the duties on all kinds of flour, or manufactured grains and legumes, have been taken off for the period of one year from the first of October next to the 1st of October, 1847, by the government of the kingdom of Wurtemberg, electorate of Hesse, grand duchy of Baden, Hesse Darmstadt, and free town of Grankfort. The other governments pertaining to the Zollverein, will, without doubt, soon proclaim their assent to this measure.

The crop of grain in Germany has been a very bad one; wheat has not yielded more than 3-4 rye only 3-8; barley about 2-3, and oats 1-2 of a common crop; and there not being any stock, either of grain or of flour, it will require a considerable amount from abroad, which forced the Zollverein to take off the import duty, which duty being \$1 40-100 the 100 lbs, makes about 2 3-4 dollars on each barrel of flour. The taking off must actually produce, for the time being, a considerable export of breadstuffs from the United States to Germany. The neighboring states, France, Russia and Italy, having experienced themselves a diminution in their crop, have nothing to spare; so that in fact, Europe must look for this year to the United States for a considerable part of its subsistence." [Union.

IMPORTANT FROM HAVANA AND MEXICO.—The bark Elizabeth J. arrived at Philadelphia on Monday morning from Havana, which place she sailed on the 10th ult. The British mail steamer had arrived at Havana with files of Vera Cruz papers of the 1st October, and with Mexican files to the 30th September. These papers state that Gen. Santa Anna had left the capital, and was marching to Monterey with 4,000 troops. [Probably 14,000.] In the latter part of September a decree was issued in the city of Mexico, which has reduced the duties on imported goods 50 per cent. Also, the laws prohibiting the importation of certain foreign articles were suspended. Gen. Paredes has literally changed places with Santa Anna, having arrived at Havana as an exile, unattended. He is to embark in a steamer for Europe, that he may there recruit his wasted energies. Com. Sloat, the late commander of the U. S. squadron in the Pacific, arrived at Havana with five or six of his officers. He hoisted his pennant on the brig Perry, then in port. At Monterey, on the Pacific, he left the frigate Congress, under command of Com. Stockton. When he left, all were well.

LATER FROM THE ARMY.

Santa Anna at Saltillo with twenty thousand troops.—The New Orleans Picayune of the 21st inst., announces the arrival of the steamship Galveston, from Brazos Santiago via Galveston.

Advices from Monterey come down to the 6th October. On the 27th ult. Gen. Taylor issued an order congratulating the army on their late glorious victories. Col. McClung was not dead, but *captured*. Lieut. Dilworth, of the 1st infantry, was doing well. Capt. Owen, of the Baltimore battalion, who came in the Galveston, reports that we had five hundred and sixty one killed and wounded. The Mexican loss has not been ascertained, but it was believed to be not less than one thousand.

The great subject discussed in the army continued to be the terms granted to Ampudia. It is urged that he made the defence of Monterey contrary to the wishes and orders of Santa Anna. He fought well, and Gen. Taylor was induced to be lenient towards him. Such were some of the reasons given. Others say that General Taylor yielded with reluctance to the opinions of the officers next in command.

At Camargo two affairs of honor were expected to come off. Brigadier Thomas Marshall had called Colonel Baile Peyton to account, and a meeting was expected between them on the 11th. Another duel was expected between Capt. Alston of New Orleans and Capt. Stevens of Texas.

The Matamoros flag announces the death of Capt. Robert Mitchell, assistant quartermaster to the Indiana volunteers. The flag gives the deaths of volunteers at Matamoros from Sept. 1st to Oct. 5th, sixteen in number. Forty-one were discharged during the same period. Gen. Patterson had issued an order to all whom it concerned in the region of his command, respecting regulations of steamboats, which gave some dissatisfaction at Matamoros. Also, an order agreeable to the terms of the armistice, keeping the Mexican troops clear from the Rio Grande or the route between it and Monterey. The steamer Col. Harney with a full cargo of government stores was lost on the 12th inst., near the mouth of the Rio Grande.

The Harney went to pieces, and the cargo was scattered along the shore. Fifteen lives were lost. There were twenty-eight persons on board. Captain Shannon; Rooney, the mate; the pilot and two engineers were saved. Of those lost, the names were not known. A letter from Monterey dated Sept. 29th, says the Mexican troops had almost all left the town. Ampudia left for Saltillo on the 28th, quite crestfallen. The opinion prevailed in camp that the Mexicans would not propose peace; but make a stout resistance at the passes of Saltillo. Gen. Taylor, the writer says, would have made great havoc at Monterey off the 25th, if Ampudia had not sent in proposals to surrender. General Taylor acted upon the conciliatory policy of our government.

Hays and Wood's two Texas regiments were to return home, and new regiments were to be raised, if hostilities were renewed. The main part of the wounded officers were doing well. General Butler was recovering. An express came into camp on the afternoon of the 29th, from Saltillo, stating that Gen. Santa Anna was at the latter place fortifying. He had thirteen thousand men, which Ampudia's force would swell to twenty thousand. Nothing is said about any quarrel between Generals Taylor and Butler, or of injudicious conduct on the part of the latter. Nothing from General Wool's army.

If Santa Anna left Mexico city on the 25th of September, as stated in the news via Vera Cruz, he would have had but four days to make the journey to Saltillo by the 29th. So that it is doubtful whether the above report is true. [Boston Post.

PROSECUTION OF THE WAR. The Washington Union says, "we hope by the time that the armistice would have expired of itself, we shall see our triumphant flag flying at Chihuahua, at Saltillo, and if the newspaper speculations are to be believed, perhaps at Victoria, the capital of Tamaulipas, and at Tampico. At all events, we go for action, energy and success—always prepared, however, to negotiate for an honorable peace; but declining any armistice until a treaty of peace has been ratified."

General Wool moved from San Antonio de Bexar on Tuesday, the 29th ult. at the head of 3500 men, for Presidio de Rio Grande. His advance guard left three days previously, the 26th ult.

A correspondent of a New Orleans paper, in commenting upon the armistice recently concluded between Generals Taylor and Ampudia, makes the following statement, which is certainly at variance with what have been universally represented and are generally understood to be the facts concerning the location of the line beyond which neither army was to advance:

"The line of division between the two armies, will begin at the Rinconado, and run through Linarea and San Fernando. Well, do you know what that line is? Nothing less than this. The Rinconado Estato is west of the great Saltillo Pass, where, according to some, the Mexicans were to crush us, and consequently has an open road to Saltillo, that cannot oppose any impediment to his onward march. I consider this as a great masterly stroke of the American commander, as well as the armistice which he has granted to Ampudia. The reasons of the latter are very plain. After taking possession of the Pass, which is now within the line, his troops must not cross. The army, which have been exhausted by the long march from Camargo to Monterey, and by three days hard fighting, will take an invigorating rest, to enable him to make again a march of nearly 300 miles of a complete desert, being the distance between Monterey and San Luis Potosi, during which no serious resistance will be offered to him."

The Democratic Review for September in an able article on "The Annex—its History and Importance," has the following remarks, the historical truth of which may be vouched by every man living within the influence of a manufacturing Corporation:—

"One of the most dangerous features of this system of manufacturing protection, is the horrible tyranny to which it gives rise. This exhibits itself on all sides in the desperate attempts to resist the course of law, and to produce a panic by oppressing the work-people. No sooner had the law passed, than manufacturers and master workmen who had for years been reaping inordinate profits through the great monopolies granted them, then they turn fiercely upon the work-people, and cut down their wages or discharge them from employ. This is done, not that there is any diminution or ability to employ them, or that their labor yields any less profit than before, but simply to punish the operative, because a portion of the large profits are cut down. It appears to be the case that in many instances the workmen understand the movement, and lay the blame at the right door. They appreciate the motive that would sacrifice them by seeking to make them the instruments of revenge on the government. The mere fact, however, that the manufacturing employers have exercised this power of throwing thousands of artisans out of employ at their will, in order, by creating popular distress, to act on the government, is, of itself, the very strongest reason that can be offered against the system. The operative has, indeed, become the bondman of the capitalist. If Congress, in its wisdom chooses to take from the latter the privilege that he has too long enjoyed, he easily slurs up the mild, discharges his men, and leaves them to find the government by their cries of distress; while he reposes on his wealth, and awaits the result. This is the process now attempted to be carried out, and the safety of the government, as well as of the working classes, requires that a counter policy should be promptly pursued."

Aiding and Abetting in the Slave Trade.—In his recent learned, lucid and discriminating charge to the grand jury, Judge Woodbury, in alluding to the nature of the acts necessary to be proved to make out the statute offence of engaging in the slave trade, introduced the following illustration:—

"Two duellists proceed to the field of honor with their weapons and seconds. The seconds aid and abet by arranging the terms of the fight, by loading the pistols, and by giving orders to fire; and hence are punishable like the principals. But whoever heard that the coachmen, or coachdrivers, or conductors of the railroad cars, who aided to carry them, or their pistols and powder, to the field of honor, were ever indicted as principals, or punished as such? The carriers may have known the intention of the parties to fight, but they had no object beyond their own fare, or common wages, in the lawful business of carrying persons and things for hire."

Marriage of Gen. Green. The celebrated Texan hero, Gen. Thomas J. Green, author of "the Mer Expedition," was married last Saturday to the wealthy and accomplished Mrs. J. S. Ellery, of Boston, Mass. A number of our distinguished citizens were present at the marriage, which was performed in Grace Church by the Rev. Dr. Taylor. [N. Y. Sun.

Toast at the Forrest dinner in New York.—

"American actors at Monterey—perfect in their parts—pointed in their speech—furious in their passions—they perform with the utmost éclat, and fairly took the house by storm."

The True American, published at Lexington Ky., has been discontinued. This is done by the attorney of Cassius M. Clay, Esq., who is now commander of a corps of volunteers engaged in the Mexican war.

PENNSYLVANIA. The following is an extract of a letter from "one of the most intelligent and respectable gentlemen" in the county of York Pennsylvania:

"And now, what do you think of Pennsylvania? If you think our State is for the tariff of 1842 you are mistaken. We can flag the whigs to-morrow, on that or any other question. One half of the votes of the State were not polled, from a physical impossibility. The storm as effectively defeated us as a similar tempest tossed the Great Western; and you might as well attribute our defeat to the tariff, as the tossing of the steamer to her engine. We laugh at the dismay which our election has created abroad."

Mr. Wise, the aeronaut, suggested the taking of the castle of San Juan d' Ullon, at Vera Cruz, by a man of war balloon, capable of taking up 18,000 pounds of percussion bomb shells and torpedoes. To be inflated on land or on shipboard out of reach of the castle's guns, with a cable fire miles long, so as to moor the aerial ship directly over and one mile above the castle. The idea is bold and striking, and it is possible the thing might be done, and the impregnable fort reduced without costing us a man.

A Surgeon, in the United States Army, speaking of the Battle at Monterey, says—"I trust in God that I may never again witness such scenes of blood and carnage. I was fired upon in the field from two batteries while dressing the wounded, and in the midst of my dreadful duties report was brought that a body of Mexican Lancers were charging down upon us; fortunately they were repulsed by some volunteers. These latter troops behaved very well."

On Friday morning the store occupied by Luther Combs as a grocery on Main street, Belfast Me., the large wooden building known as the Babel, and the dwelling house of James Cook, were burnt. The fire was stopped by tearing down a building owned by Benj. Hazeltine. Total loss about \$4000. Insured \$2250.—Hersey & Wilder, part occupants of the large building, lose \$1000; no insurance.

The Tribune says Mr. Webster has arrived in New York, but was very hoarse, and would not address the whigs for the present! That party is paralyzed in the Empire state.

Barritt, the learned blacksmith, has introduced Johnny Cake to Johnny Bull, and it is said that the latter loves his new acquaintance almost well enough to eat him.

The whig loss in Pennsylvania, since 1844, is sixty-three thousand two hundred and forty-five votes.

'OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 3, 1846.

"The Unionist must be preserved."

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The principles of Democracy are so generally considered essential to the interests and happiness of the whole people, that about all political parties of the present day pretend to be democratic in their sentiments, and in this way they seek to deceive the people and bind heavy burdens upon them;—they even pretend that a high tariff is democratic, and less burdensome to the people than a low one. We have seldom conversed with a whig but what informs us he once belonged to the democratic party, and remained with them as long as they adhered to the principles of the party, but when they forsake their principles, he forsook them—and where did he go? Why he went over to the whig party—a party that has always opposed democratic principles and measures, though to effect their object, they have assumed as many names as there are signs in the zodiac. Wonderful consistency! One would suppose that a true democrat would adhere to his party, and to the cause of democracy, even if some of its members did violate its principles, and thereby use his influence to reclaim them, induce them to reduce their principles to practice, and raise his party above reproach. But the truth is, these pretended or professed democrats, if they ever belonged to the party, had lost its confidence, and were obliged to leave it, and now they make great professions of love to the people, love to the democracy, and the whig party, and all other parties opposed to the people—and unto with them in their cry. Well, we will not stop to dispute them, though we must say, if they have love for the people and for democracy, they have a quicer way of showing it.

Opposed to the federal or modern whig party, is the democratic party. This party places full confidence in the people, owns their sovereignty, and believes them able, as they have the right, to manage their own affairs.

The principles of their party are often misrepresented. They are by some supposed to mean that the people are so enlightened and virtuous that they can do no wrong, and that their will is not only the law, but the measure of the right. The federal whig party so interprets them; and so do all demagogues. There are not wanting those professing to be democrats, who by great swelling words about the "enlightened public," the "dear people," "the virtuous, the high minded, the intelligent, the patriotic people," and by their professions of love for the people, devotion to the people, contrive to work themselves into place and power. We have no sympathy with them, and they are the people's worst enemies. Such are they that pretend to be democratic, though in the whig ranks. We warn the people to mark them, and pass them by.

The democratic party is far from believing that the people are as intelligent and as virtuous as they are taught to be in order to manage their own affairs in all cases, justly and wisely. When they say they have full confidence in the people, they mean they have full confidence in their natural love of peace, order and a quiet state of things—in their love of justice.

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